NEW CASE NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR USE WITH CM/ECF

Because of the increased number of case filings and the implementation to CM/ECF, we must change our case numbering system and format.

Beginning January 1, 2002, Eastern District bankruptcy cases will begin with 10001 and Western District bankruptcy cases with 70001. The case numbers will then increase sequentially without regard for division.

The case number format will also change. The new format will be: O:YY-TP-NNNNN* (office:year-type-number).

* When using ECF, the TP (case type) field must always be in lower case or it will not accept it.

For example:

The first case filed in the Eastern District in the year 2002 will have the number: 10001 regardless of the division. The next case number would be 10002, regardless of division, and so on. When we reach 19999, the next case number for an Eastern case would be 20000. The same would be true for Western District cases except that the first Western District case will begin with 70001 and increment up from there.

Also, AP cases would start with 1001 for Eastern and 7001 for Western.

Examples:

EASTERN			_
Batesville	1:02-bk-10023	or	1:02-ap-1023
Helena	2:02-bk-10024	or	2:02-ap-1024
Jonesboro	3:02-bk-10025	or	3:02-ap-1025
Little Rock	4:02-bk-10026	or	4:02-ap-1026
Pine Bluff	5:02-bk-10027	or	5:02-ap-1027
WESTERN			
El Dorado	1:02-bk-70023	or	1:02-ap-7023
Fort Smith	2:02-bk-70024	or	2:02-ap-7024
Harrison	3:02-bk-70025	or	3:02-ap-7025
Texarkana	4:02-bk-70026	or	4:02-ap-7026
Fayetteville	5:02-bk-70027	or	5:02-ap-7027
Hot Springs	6:02-bk-70028	or	6:02-ap-7028

It will be important that all pleadings and correspondence use this new format for both old and new cases.